

The Communist Basics Half-Day Course, Programme

4-Hour Format:

Welcome. Prologue (#0), if required, can be read aloud. Distribute material up to #3.

1. Culture, Liberation and Neo-Colonialism; +/- **One hour**. Break.

2. National Liberation Struggle; +/- **One hour**. Break.

3. Class nature of nationalism; +/- **One hour**.

Announcements. Distribute #4 and list. Distribute material for next school.

Booklets and sheets:

- Guidelines
- Introductions
- 0 Capital V1, C1, Commodities, Section 1, 1867
- 1 Marx, Engels, Excerpts from the Communist Manifesto, and on Surplus Value
- 2 Machiavelli, The Prince, two chapters, and Engels, The Science of Dialectics
- 3 Marx, Lenin and the SACP, from Surplus Value to The Party
- 4 Slovo, SA Working Class and the NDR, 1988, Part 1 of 3
- List

General Guidelines for the CU Half-Day Schools

1. The purpose of the school is to generate dialogue among the participants
2. Avoid creating a "platform". Use a "boardroom" set-up, or in a large hall with many people, create an "A" shape.
3. Have a chairperson, to limit the facilitator, to encourage the shy to speak, and to "keep the pot boiling".
4. The facilitator's job is to introduce the material and to leave the greater part (two thirds or three quarters) of the time to discussion by the participants.
5. The Half-Day Schools can take four hours or less. They can typically be done in three one-hour sessions, with breaks. Hence they are divided into three more-or-less equal parts (1, 2 and 3).
6. There is a short, optional, warm-up item (0) which can be used while people are arriving.
7. There is a further reading item (5), for handing out at the end.
8. The given Introductions may be printed and handed out, or not. They should not be used verbatim. They are only there to provide some hints and options. Priority is to connect.
9. The course list should be given out and circulated by e-mail to encourage even more reading.
10. If part of the reading for the next school can be dished out at the previous one, then there is the chance that some comrades will be better prepared.

Notes on The Communist Basics:

This half-day course is derived from a ten-part CU course that ranges to pedagogy, trade unionism, the history of the SA struggle, international and organisational matters that are covered in other courses. This half-day module focuses on some main points of communism, beginning with a prologue on Chapter 1 of "Capital" ("Commodities"). The first formal part is the Communist Manifesto on Class Struggle, followed by Chapter 6 of "Capital" and the first page of Chapter 7, covering Surplus Value.

The second part, using Machiavelli and Engels, stretches the historical perspective, and introduces a little of Hegel's legacy. The third part links the theory of Surplus Value with the necessity for the vanguard Party; Lenin's view of the nature of the Party; and finally the specifics of the SACP. The last item, for post-course reading, is on SACP tactics, in the form Part 1 of Joe Slovo's pamphlet on the NDR.

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<u>Ref. No.</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Document</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Words</u>	<u>Pages</u>
11-00-1	CU	Basics, Intro Booklet 1 of 4	2012	2543	12
11-00-2	CU	Basics, Intro Booklet 2 of 4	2012	3192	12
11-00-3	CU	Basics, Intro Booklet 3 of 4	2012	2439	12
11-00-4	CU	Basics, Intro Booklet 4 of 4	2012	3584	12
11-01-1	Freire	Pedagogy of the Oppressed, C2, plus Glossary and Pol Ed	1970	7933	20
11-01-2	Liu Shaoqi	How to be a Good Communist	1939	2578	8
11-01-3	Buzan	Use Your Head (Conspectus by D Tweedie)	1974	4186	12
11-01-4	Freire	Pedagogy of the Oppressed, Chapter 1	1970	9385	20
11-02-1	Machiavelli	The Prince, Compilation	1512	5139	12
11-02-2	Marx	Capital, V1, C32, Historical Tendency of Capital	1867	1299	4
11-03-1	M/E	Communist Manifesto, Bourgeois and Proletarians	1848	4966	12
11-03-2	M/E	Communist Manifesto, Proletarians and Communists	1848	3751	12
11-04-1	Lenin	3 Sources and 3 Component parts of Marxism	1913	1847	8
11-04-2a	Engels	Socialism, Utopian and Scientific, Part 1	1880	5116	12
11-04-2b	Engels	Socialism, Utopian and Scientific, Part 2	1880	3186	8
11-04-2c	Engels	Engels, Socialism, Utopian and Scientific, Part 3	1880	7975	16
11-05-1	SACP	SACP Constitution, downloaded 17 October 2011	2011	6629	20
11-05-2	CoP	Call to the Congress of the People, Freedom Charter	1955	2568	12
11-05-3	ANC	Strategy and Tactics, Morogoro	1969	5891	12
11-06-1	MIA, CPGB	Worker Solidarity and Unions; Rules of Debate	1950	6848	16
11-06-2	Lenin	What is to be Done, Workers and Revolutionaries	1902	8381	16
11-07-1	MIA	Negotiation	2011	5288	12
11-08-1a	Marx	Value, Price and Profit, Parts 6 to 10	1865	6201	12
11-08-1b	Marx	Value, Price and Profit, from part 14	1865	384	4
11-08-2	Marx	Capital V1, C1, Commodities, abridged	1867	10557	20
11-09-1	Lenin	Lecture on The State	1919	7249	16
11-09-2	Engels	Origin of Family, Property and State, Chapter 9	1884	8326	16
11-09-3	Lenin	The State and Revolution, C1, Class Society and the State	1917	6139	16
11-10-1	Shivji	The Struggle for Democracy	2003	5051	12
11-10-2	Pomeroy	On the Time for Armed Struggle	1974	6815	16
11-10-3a	Teitelboim	Popular Unity Rule in Chile	1977	5168	12
11-10-3b	Dimitrov	Comintern, Dimitrov Intervention on Popular Front	1934	756	4
11-10-4a	Slovo	SA Working Class and the NDR, Part 1 of 3	1988	5249	12
11-10-4b	Slovo	SA Working Class and the NDR, Part 2 of 3	1988	4785	12
11-10-4c	Slovo	SA Working Class and the NDR, Part 3 of 3	1988	5045	12
Totals:				176449	444

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